

ORGANIZATION



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Groups of experts from both inside and outside of government have been convened to deal with distinct aspects of the Marine Recreational Information Program initiative. Groups are tasked in these focus areas: Data Management and Standards, Design and Analysis, For-Hire Fisheries, Highly Migratory Species, National Saltwater Angler Registry, and Communications and Education. This approach promotes a survey redesign process that is inclusive and transparent.

EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Executive Steering Committee is made up of the chairs of the interstate fisheries commissions, prominent members of the fishery management councils, and representatives of NOAA Fisheries. This state-federal group is the initiative's decision-making body.

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The Data Management and Standards group is charged with developing a common set of minimum data elements, setting national and regional standards for coding systems, and improving coordination between federal, state, and regional survey programs.

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The Design and Analysis group is taking the lead to develop and test new data collection methodologies. This includes testing assumptions, determining appropriate methodological changes to reduce bias in the estimates, and assessing sample sizes and survey approaches needed to provide the levels of resolution required by managers and scientists.

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